

## Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: December 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

**IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Denise Hall, Ron Van Winkle, Pat Alair, John Phillips, Mark McGovern**

## AGENDA

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

1. Public Works update

- **Center Parking**

The committee discussed the Brace Road parking lot and the multiple underlying owners of that facility. The Town has negotiated an easement with one of those property owners as well as some SDD amendments to the parking conditions at 7 North Main Street. Both those changes will be submitted to the Town Council for their consideration at the next Council meeting.

- **Winter Salt**

Winter white salt prices have risen 16% this season.

- **Landscaper disposal**

John Phillips discussed the Brixton Street public works site and the potential loss of an adjacent site that is presently leased. In addition, the Town has been evaluating its leaf composting program and the future of the old incinerator. A plan to work with Covanta for their management of this portion of the site turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. We are now evaluating a second potential operator. It is likely that significant changes will need to be made to this recycling area that may affect residents and landscapers. No decision has been made and we continue to evaluate our options, although we expect to have a proposed plan for the Council's consideration before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Community Services Update

- **Trout Brook Trail**

Phase II of the Trail from South Quaker to Jackson Road has been awarded to a contractor and should begin construction by early spring. The Town has received an additional grant from DEEP for Phase V from Farmington Avenue to Fern Street. The resolution to accept that grant will be on the next Council agenda.

- **Complete streets**

The Community Services staff has been meeting with community groups to receive public comment on the plan. The final Complete Streets resolution should be ready for Council consideration by mid-March.

3. Economic Development update

**Mark McGovern discussed ongoing economic development activity in the community. Construction at the hotel site should begin early spring. It is likely that the Council will see an administrative amendment to the SDD in the coming months. He also discussed a new apartment project and the Cumberland Farms development on New Park Avenue, improvements to the Crown Market, the apartment project on Park and Prospect all of which are moving forward. There are four new businesses moving into the center and many other projects around town that are in construction.**

C: Town Council  
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager  
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel  
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk  
Department Directors